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**AIR FORCE OPERATIONAL TEST AND
EVALUATION CENTER (AFOTEC)**

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SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This document is substantially revised and must be completely reviewed.

It updates AFMD 14, 1 September 1996, as follows: emphasizes AFOTEC's independence and describes AFOTEC's earlier involvement in a wider range of development efforts and programs introduced by acquisition reform.

1. Mission. The Air Force agency responsible for planning, executing, and reporting independent operational tests and evaluations (OT&E). Determines operational capabilities and limitations of Air Force and joint systems to meet warfighter mission needs. Provides operational effectiveness, suitability, and evaluation expertise from concept development to system employment in support of Air Force, DoD and other government agencies.

2. Command. AFOTEC:

2.1. Is a Direct Reporting Unit responsible to the Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force (CSAF) as delegated by the Secretary of the Air Force.

2.2. Executes HQ USAF Director of Test and Evaluation policy.

2.3. Is authorized direct communication concerning OT&E matters between the AFOTEC Commander, other USAF commands, heads of DoD, service operational test agencies (OTA), and other government agencies.

3. Responsibilities. The AFOTEC Commander:

3.1. Independently manages the planning, conduct, and reporting of capabilities and limitations on all Air Force OT&E programs to include new systems, modification programs, commercial-off-the-shelf

items, nondevelopmental items, and evolutionary/incremental acquisitions with consideration given to system life cycle effectiveness and suitability.

3.2. Manages the personnel, facilities, property, and funds organic to AFOTEC, and exercises control of OT&E test events using personnel and resources allocated to AFOTEC.

3.3. As an independent OTA, participates in the Air Force acquisition process without undue influence by development agencies, development contractors, or users.

3.4. When directed, manages the planning, conduct, and reporting of multiservice, multiagency, and DoD programs.

3.5. Participates in early development efforts to ensure OT&E considerations are incorporated.

3.6. Supports Air Force and joint warfighters in the formulation, development, demonstration, and assessment of concepts, doctrines, mission needs, and requirements in support of system acquisitions such as Advanced Concept Technology Demonstrations (ACTD), Battlelabs, joint exercises, emerging technologies, etc.

3.7. Provides operational effectiveness, suitability, test, evaluation, and assessment expertise across the full range of Air Force and selected joint missions.

3.8. Provides OT&E information and expertise to MAJCOMs, other services, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve Command, CSAF, SAF, CINCs, OSD, Congress through OSD, and other government agencies.

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